

Livermore man gunned down on job as a guard

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SAN LEANDRO — Somebody wanted Michael Wayne Lloyd dead.

And sometime between 11 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. the next day, they got what they wanted.

Lloyd was making his rounds while working the overnight shift as a security officer at the Marina Vista housing development when a killer gunned him down behind one of the model homes at the construction site on Wicks Boulevard near Manor Boulevard.

None of the model homes was broken into. Lloyd's jewelry and cash were not taken. There was no sign of a struggle.

A worker found Lloyd's body shortly before 8 a.m. Monday.

Whoever killed the 27-year-old Livermore man apparently went to the work site with the intention of shooting him, said police Detective Sgt. Lydel Walters, the investigator on the case. Lloyd reportedly was shot several times.

Lloyd had moved last year to Livermore from Indiana, where his natural father lives. Lloyd's stepfather, James Hendryx, works at Royal Investigation and Patrol in San Leandro and got Lloyd a job with the company.

Lloyd began working for the guard service in November and had been assigned to Marina Vista for about two months, according to Ed Young, president of Royal Investigation. Lloyd did not carry a gun, Young said.

The Livermore man's death marked the first time a Royal officer was killed on duty since the company began operating in the East Bay in 1975, Young said.

Lloyd reportedly had taken the security job to earn money while looking for a position in his profession as a steel worker. Lloyd had a wife, Dorothy, and a 3-year-old daughter.

He also had a daughter by a previous marriage, investigators said. His first wife and their child also live in Livermore.

As of Tuesday, police detectives were at a loss to find anyone who had a reason to want to hurt or kill Lloyd.

Anyone with information about Lloyd's death is asked to contact police Sgt. Lydel Walters at 577-3237.

Father searches for clues in death

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SAN LEANDRO — A murder victim's father is hoping the classic Harley Davidson motorcycle he and his son once enjoyed riding in Indiana could lead to the capture of his son's killer.

"Last summer, I was out riding my motorcycle and I felt like he was riding beside me," Ronald Lloyd said. "I'd just as soon sell that bike if it would bring about information to solve the case."

Selling or pawning the motorcycle is exactly what Lloyd is doing to establish a \$10,000 reward for the arrest of the killer.

"It's not a lot of money, but it's all I can afford," he said.

Lloyd's 27-year-old son, Michael, was killed a year ago Tuesday at the Marina Vista housing development while working his night shift as a security guard for Royal Investigation of San Leandro.

Police detectives suspect he was lured behind a model home and killed. The motive is unknown.

"Whoever killed Michael is walking around free," the dead man's mother, Juanita Hendryx of San Leandro, said. "I just

don't feel safe every time I walk out the door."

Members of the slain man's family are convinced he had no enemies and was more likely a target of random violence. He stood 6 feet 7 and weighed more than 200 pounds.

"It has just been killing me that a year has gone by and nothing has turned up," said the father. "I just always felt Mike just came up on something he couldn't handle."

The father and son used to go motorcycle riding around the Indiana town that Ronald Lloyd calls home. One of the bikes was Lloyd's cherished full-dress Harley Davidson, an 85th anniversary edition.

The murdered man's wife, Dorothy, and her two children live in Livermore, where she is trying to get by on slim workers' compensation benefits resulting from her husband's death.

The insurance company has not paid her any of the \$115,000 from her husband's life insurance policy, she said, because police list her as a suspect, being the the beneficiary.

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